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***ZIZIA AUREA***  
**GOLDEN ALEXANDERS**

Golden Alexanders is a perennial that is 30-80 cm tall with branched stems arising from a cluster of fleshy roots. The lower leaves are twice divided into threes, with ultimate leaflets that are broadly lance-shaped, 25-50 mm long, and finely toothed on the margins. The upper leaves are once divided into three leaflets. Foliage is glabrous or nearly so. The flowers are borne in flat-topped, umbrella-like inflorescences that are 1-4 cm high and located at the ends of the branches. Each flower has five inconspicuous sepals and five small, bright yellow petals borne on top of the ovary. The ribbed fruits are narrowly elliptic and 2-4 mm long. Flowering late June - early July.

Distinguished from other members of the Parsley Family in the plains by the leaves twice divided into groups of threes and the yellow flowers.